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MMS Names Gordon to Lead Gulf of Mexico Field Operations

NEW ORLEANS — Minerals Management Service (MMS) Gulf of Mexico Regional Director Lars Herbst has selected Joe Gordon as the new Regional Supervisor for Field Operations.

"Mr. Gordon brings a wealth of experience to the job, including his 12 years of management experience within Field Operations," said Herbst in making the announcement.

A University of Missouri - Rolla graduate, Mr. Gordon began his career with MMS in 1988 when he was hired as a petroleum engineer in the Gulf of Mexico Region's Office of Field Operations. He gained valuable experience by serving details in Washington, D.C. and the Pacific and Alaska OCS Regions and by working in the Technical Assessment Unit and Pipeline Unit in Field Operations for the Gulf Region. In 1990, he transferred to the Lafayette District as the drilling engineer, and in 1995, he became the Lafayette District Supervisor. He returned to the Region as Chief of the Office of Safety Management, and was promoted to Deputy Regional Supervisor for Regional Operations. Most recently, he served as Deputy Regional Supervisor for District Operations and as Acting Regional Supervisor for Field Operations.

As Regional Supervisor for Field Operations, Mr. Gordon oversees a staff of 170 engineers, geoscientists, technicians, inspectors, and clerical who are responsible for safe and environmentally responsible oil and gas operations throughout the Gulf of Mexico Region.

"Mr. Gordon's work on post Hurricane Katrina/Rita issues has been outstanding, and I am confident that he is the right person to move Field Operations forward on future strategic initiatives," said Regional Director Herbst.

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